instead of Old Delhi Railway Station; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. It has not been found feasible due to operational constraints.

Punishment to Railway Officials for Accidents

†1078. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway officials responsible for rail accidents between 1994 and 1998 have been punished;

(b) if so, the category-wise total number of officials found guilty;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the officials found guilty were awarded varying punishments; and

(d) if so, the details of punishment given to each of them, together with the category-wise number of punished officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Delay in Arrival of Trains

†1079. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains, zone-wise, in the country which reached their destination half-an-hour behind schedule in 1998-99 upto 31st October, 1999; and

(b) whether any scheme to extend some facilities to passengers, except, expressing regret for delayed running of trains for several hours, is under consideration; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) the following facilities are provided to the passengers on account of non-commencement or missing of journey due to late running of trains:—

(i) No cancellation or clerkage is payable on a reserved, RAC & waitlisted ticket and full fare is refundable if the journey is not undertaken due to late running of trains by more than 3 hours provided that the ticket is surrendered before the actual departure of the train.

(ii) Where a passenger misses connection for continued journey by another train at any junction station owing to late running of the train by which he had been travelling, the fare for the travelled portion is retained and the balance amount of ticket is refunded as the fare for untravelled portion, if he surrenders the ticket within three hours of the actual arrival of the train by which he had travelled.

Proposal for Rail Lines in Orissa

1080. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by Government from the Orissa Government during the last three years for doubling of rail lines in that State;

(b) whether any of such proposal has been examined and considered for doubling; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Stoppage of Puja Express at Gurgaon

1081. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: